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LOK SABHA

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TESTING OF PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pilotless aircraft `Lakshya` was successfully test-flown recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to induct the above aircraft in the Indian Air Force in the near future; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be inducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Recently trials were carried out for the evaluation of the Lakshya system and operation by the Army.

(c) & (d): The Lakshya aircraft has already been inducted in Air Force in November, 2000.